

Sunday, March 3, 2024—Galatians 5:22 The Fruit of the Spirit, Part 4 (Longsuffering)

Galatians 2:22

- **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**
- **Longsuffering**—is the next fruit of the Spirit identified in verse 22. The word translated “longsuffering” occurs 14 in the New Testament and is variously rendered as “longsuffering” 14 times and “patient” 2 times.
- Noah Webster’s *American Dictionary of the English Language* defines “longsuffering” as follows:
 - “Bearing injuries or provocation for a long time; patient; not easily provoked. deals with forbearance with patience.”
- Exodus 34:6—“longsuffering” is one of the attributes of God Almighty.
 - Numbers 14:18—“longsuffering”
 - Psalm 86:15—“longsuffering”
 - Psalm 103:8—“slow to anger”
 - Psalm 145:8—“slow to anger”
 - Joel 2:13—“slow to anger”
 - Jonah 4:2—“slow to anger”
 - Romans 2:4—“longsuffering”
 - I Peter 3:20—“longsuffering of God”
- II Peter 3:15-18—“longsuffering” is the attribute of God that is being put on full display today during the dispensation of Grace.”
 - II Peter 3:9
 - I Peter 3:20
 - I Timothy 2:4
 - II Corinthians 6:2
 - I Timothy 1:16—the patter that God set in the salvation of the Apostle Paul was one of “longsuffering” in holding back the execution of his wrath.

- Galatians 5:22—not only is “longsuffering” an attribute of God almighty, but it is also one of the fruit of God the Holy Spirit. “Longsuffering” is attribute of the new man that Paul wants believers to “put on” and “walk in.”
 - Ephesians 4:1-2
 - Colossians 3:12
 - II Timothy 3:10
 - II Timothy 4:2
- Colossians 1:9-11—Paul prayed the believers in Colosse would be “strengthened” unto “all patience and longsuffering.” Why because those are precisely the attributes of God we are going to need put and walk in during the dispensation of grace.
 - II Corinthians 6:1-10
- Galatians 5:22—I haven’t let go of the idea that all fruit of the Spirit are enveloped in “love” and the application thereof.
 - I Corinthians 13:4—“Charity suffereth long . . .”